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<u>MEMORANDUM</u>

To: All Licensed Facilities

From: Alan Samuels, Director

Division of Health Licensing

Subject: Disaster Shelter

In the event that you provide temporary shelter for evacuees who have been displaced due to a disaster, then for the time of that emergency, it is permissible to temporarily exceed the licensed capacity for your facility in order to accommodate these individuals.

The details of these contingency arrangements should be addressed in your emergency/disaster plan, to include the maximum number of individuals that could be safely and comfortably housed above the licensed capacity of the facility on a temporary basis.

Also, in those instances where evacuees have been relocated to your facility, the Division of Health Licensing must be notified not later than the following work day of those evacuees received.

Should you have any questions, please call us at 803-737-7202.

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